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ATIONS, March 2 (JT). — Arab and representatives met with U.N. Secretary Kurt Waldheim today and warned the dangers of continued Israeli settlements on the Aqsa Mosque in Occupied Jerusalem.
Waldheim later issued a statement on the dangers inherent in the situation.

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Mr. Shriver was campaigning in the home state of his in-law Kennedy family, but was given little chance by most political experts here.
On the Republican side, the bad weather, expected to worsen tonight, could harm the chances of President Ford.
A Republican Party official said Ford voters might stay at home, leaving the field to what he described as the zealots for former California Governor Ronald Reagan.
But neither man has campaigned in this Democratic state, the only one to vote for Senator George McGovern in the 1972 presidential election, and the Republican vote tonight was regarded as having little significance.
Governors Carter, Wallace and Reagan all have campaigned by denouncing the governor of France, "establishment" in the, and Arizona federal capital.
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nds Sahara mediation; arties will avoid war

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rian news agency APS said 23
Secretary-Ge-
members of the Organisation of
Arab League, re-
African Unity (OAU) strongly
supported self-determination
y disappointed for the people of the Western
of Sahara.
The news agency said an
OAU ministerial meeting which
ended in Addis Ababa Monday
had concluded: "The people
of the Western Sahara have a
right to self-determination just
like any other people who have
achieved independence and
liberation."
In Madrid the Moroccan em-
bassy said earlier the will of
the Western Saharan people
had been respected in the hand-
over of the former Spanish col-
ony to Morocco and Mauritania.
An embassy communiqué said
the transfer had received the
unanimous approval of the lo-
cal assembly — notables, the
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iginal agreement with Spain.
The statement made no men-
tion of the proclamation of Sa-
haran independence by the Al-
gerian-backed Polisario Front.

Notice
ATTENTION
JORDANIAN CITIZENS AND ARAB
FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN JORDAN:
In accordance with the implementation of the
Antiquities law No. 12 of 1976, the follow-
ing have come into effect:
Jordanian or non-Jordanian resident in the
country possessing an antique object should
submit it to the Antiquities Department, within
a month period beginning February 16, 1976,
tailed report that includes the following:
A summary description of the antique
piece in the person's possession;
The date and source of its acquisition,
and the sum paid for its acquisition;
A clear photograph of the piece.
Antiquities Department wishes to draw
attention of all people possessing pieces
of antiquity to the fact that it is now forbidden
to trade in antiquities without the knowledge,
consent and supervision of the department.
Penalties will be imposed against all those who
violate these regulations.



HONOURING THE KING. — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos is assisted by his wife Imelda, as he conferred the Order of Sikatedia on His Majesty King Hussein at the Presidential Palace on Sunday night. His Majesty the King and Her Majesty Queen Alya were on a two day visit to the Philippines.

At Moscow congress Israeli communists call for withdrawal from Arab lands

MOSCOW, March 2, (Ag-
encies). — Several foreign repre-
sentatives spoke at today's ses-
sion of the 25th Congress of
the Soviet Communist Party
which is scheduled to end on
Friday, according to Congress
spokesman-Victor Afanassiev.
Abdallah Ahmar, represent-
ing the ruling Syrian Baath So-
cialist Party, read a message
from President Hafez Assad
thanking the Soviet Union for
its support of the Arab people's
struggle.
Israeli Communist Party de-
legate Meir Vilner condemned
all anti-Sovietism and called
for the evacuation of all Arab
territories occupied by Israel
and the establishment of a so-
vereign Palestinian state.
The Soviet Union's commu-
nist elite meanwhile appeared
set to confirm the country's
leadership in power while brin-
ging some new faces into the
upper ranks and reassigning
key jobs in the party hierar-
chy.
This was the conclusion of
Western and communist obser-
vers as the 25th Congress mo-
ved towards close and vital
elections at the end of the
week to the policy-making Cen-
tral Committee and its inner
cabinet, the Politburo.
All signs point to the re-elec-
tion of party General Secretary
Leonid Brezhnev, 69, who has

Sudan-Ethiopia friction appears to have subsided

ADDIS ABABA, March 2, (R)
— Ethiopian head of state Bri-
gadier General Teferi Bante to-
day held talks with Sudan's
Minister of State for Foreign
Affairs, Dr Francis Deng.
Official sources described the
meeting as characterised by
friendship and understanding.
Dr Deng is in the Ethiopian
capital after attending the mi-
nisterial council meeting of the
Organisation of African Uni-
ty here.
The Ethiopian Foreign Mi-
nistry confirmed yesterday that
diplomatic exchanges had tak-
en place over Sudanese com-
plaints of alleged violations of
Sudanese airspace by Ethiopian
aircraft.
It could not be confirmed wh-
ether the Sudanese allegations
were discussed during today's
talks.

King Hussein starts 8-day official visit to Australia

CANBERRA, March 2, (Ag-
encies). — H. M. King Hussein
arrived here today for an eight-
day state visit including talks
with Australian leaders on the
Middle East situation and ways
of boosting trade between the
two countries.
A 21-gun salute boomed out
over Fairbairn Royal Austra-
lian Airforce Base as the King,
on his first visit to Australia,
stepped down from the red and
gold Royal Jordanian jet to be
welcomed by Governor General
Sir John Kerr and Prime Minis-
ter Malcolm Fraser.
King Hussein, who is ac-
companied by Queen Alya and
Prime Minister Zeid Rifai, is
to begin talks tomorrow with
Mr Fraser, Foreign Minister
Andrew Peacock and other se-
nior government officials.
The Australian government is
known to be interested in
King Hussein's views on the
Middle East conflict.
Informed sources said the
King plans to discuss solar en-
ergy, irrigation and dryland
farming with Australian ex-
perts.
After a courtesy meeting with
Mr and Mrs Fraser tonight,
the visitors were guests of ho-
nour at a dinner given by Sir
John.
Tomorrow morning they will
meet heads of diplomatic mis-
sions and later the King will be
guest of honour at a lunch at
Parliament House given by the
Prime Minister.
Official discussions with Mr
Fraser and Mr Peacock will be-
gin in the afternoon.
During the visit the royal
couple will also travel to Mel-
bourne and Sydney.
Earlier, in Manila, Philippine
President Ferdinand Marcos

said that the Philippines hoped
for stronger trading links with
the Arab World following an
agreement yesterday with Jor-
dan to establish diplomatic re-
lations. He was speaking at a
departure ceremony for King
Hussein after a two-day visit to
the country.
The President suggested Jor-
dan might provide an export
market for Philippine sugar as
well as source of phosphate for
his country.
He hoped the visit of King
Hussein to the Philippines wou-
ld be the start of visits by oth-
er Arab head of government.
The President said that King
Hussein and Queen Alya have
invited him and Mrs Marcos to
visit Jordan.
"I will be honoured of cour-
se to visit Jordan. I do not know
when but I look forward to
it," he said.

**Army commander
heads Lebanese
Supreme Committee**
BEIRUT, March 2 (Agencies).
— Lebanese Army Command-
er Hanna Sa'id was tonight ap-
pointed head of the Supreme
Military Committee, whose
task is to supervise the cease-
fire which ended Lebanon's ten
months of civil war, it was
announced here today.
The Committee comprises
four members from the Leban-
ese army, two Palestinians and
two Syrians, officers.
Observers interpreted the
move as an attempt to assuage
right-wing Lebanese fears over
the diminishing role of Leb-
anon's army in maintaining or-
der in the country. It was felt
that the army commander's as-
(Continued on page 6)



SAFE LANDING. — Bahrain's Emir Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al Khalifa (foreground) is welcomed by French President Giscard d'Estaing (behind him) at Paris Orly Airport Monday on his official visit to France. The Emir's plane was threatened by a false bomb incident in Beirut which delayed his departure for Paris. (AP wirephoto).

Israel asks U.S. to help expand its arms industry

TEL AVIV, March 2 (R). —
Defence Minister Shimon Peres
today urged visiting U.S. Treas-
ury Secretary William Simon
to help Israel expand its arms
industry.
A defence ministry spokes-
man said Mr. Peres told Mr.
Simon, who arrived yesterday
for a three-day official visit,
that a greater capability by Is-
rael to produce a wider variety
and quantity of weapons would
benefit the U.S. as well as Is-
rael.
Earlier, Mr. Simon — who is
on a Middle East tour — said
that although the U.S. govern-
ment "continues to believe that
solutions to every nation's eco-

nomic problems begin at home,
Israel has shown it deserves
our continuing support becau-
se of its readiness to adopt
imaginative measures to cope
with its problems."

He expressed the American
government's "confidence that
Israel has the spirit and leader-
ship to overcome all its pro-
blems."

This morning Mr. Simon had
a session of talks with Com-
merce and Industry Minister
Haim Bar-Lev. Mr. Bar-Lev
discussed increased American
capital investments with the
visiting Treasury Secretary.
Israel's Finance Minister, Ye-
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What's cooking, Anwar?

President Sadat said a few days ago in Kuwait that he fears "something is cooking" between Jordan and Syria, a peculiar observation from a master chef with his own history of cordon bleu moves in the Middle East.

His remark came at the end of a five-nation tour in the Arabian Peninsula that resulted in pledges of substantial financial aid, but apparently not substantial enough to solve some of Egypt's dire economic problems, particularly the matter of its external debt.

If something is, indeed, cooking in the eastern part of the Arab World, Mr. Sadat's concern springs from an altogether belated realisation that he may not be the guest of honour at the final banquet. Egypt is in something of a state of suspended animation right now vis-à-vis Middle East peace efforts, primarily as a result of the Sinai disengagement agreement with Israel.

Sadat has made something of a promise not to beat up the Israelis. If he keeps the promise, which seems likely at the moment, he is in bad grace in the rest of the Arab World. If he breaks the promise, he will likely get a beating from the Americans.

It is not an enviable position, because it has effectively neutralised the few weapons Mr. Sadat had at his disposal — his army, his Russian connection (however tenuous and shallow it is and was), his position on Israel's southern flank, his control of the Suez Canal and his new political clout via his Riyadh connection.

He was in a position last year when substantial Arab aid from the oil producers could have gone a long way to alleviating the economic constraints that dulled his political clout, at a time when he still enjoyed prestige in the Arab World as a result of the 1973 October War. He plugged up both those sources of life-sustaining moral and economic support when he signed the American-inspired disengagement agreement. Nobody knows what he has been promised in return, but events in the eastern part of the Arab Middle East are obviously not to his liking.

He is not too pleased with the Syrian-Jordanian integration programme and has said so publicly. There is a lurking danger that he may play upon this irritation of his and foster wide-scale divisiveness, when deep consultation is more the order of the day.

If something is cooking, our suggestion to Mr. Sadat is that he consult the chefs before rejecting the menu.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The Jordan press Tuesday commented on the implications of President Sadat's recent trip to the Gulf states.

"President Sadat has achieved a significant success in his Gulf tour. Every one has noticed with satisfaction the unlimited Arab willingness to back Egypt in its present economic crisis," Al Rai noted.

It went on: "There is a general Arab feeling that Arab support to Egypt is the only guarantee to keep this big Arab country from playing into the hands of international embezzlement..."

"The Arabs," said the paper, "have proved that they are the true supporters of Egypt, and that Egypt's belonging to the Arab nation is profitable and dignifying, as much as sacrifices for the Arab cause are not a loss."

The whole world is now seeking means of approaching the Arabs; but why are some elements trying to keep Egypt—the Arab Egypt—away from the Arabs?, asked Al Rai.

Commenting on the same theme, Al Dustour said that at the end of his tour of the Gulf countries, President Sadat spoke about the inevitability of Egypt fighting against Israel, in case Syria was attacked, or in case the Geneva conference fails.

"The pledge made by Sadat means that Egypt did not abandon its national obligations to fight the common enemy, despite the Sinai agreement; hence this pledge represents a bridge re-linking Cairo and Damascus. It is in the best interest of the Arabs to encourage any positive initiative aimed at restoring normal relations between Syria and Egypt."

"On the other hand," continued Ad Dustour, "The setting up of an Arab fund to re-inforce the Egyptian economy is a national step which deserves support. But, in order to reap the real fruits of this step, the responsibilities of the fund should be extended to reach all confrontation countries which form the deterrent Arab force against the common enemy."

In its editorial, Al Shaab said that in his interview with newsmen in Kuwait, President Sadat said Syria has no other choice but to re-new the mandate of the United Nations Forces, or else it has to bear the consequences alone.

"This talk by the President comes at a time when the Middle East situation is very close to the state of no-war—no-peace, because of which Egyptian and Syrian soldiers had simultaneously assaulted the enemy's fortifications in October 1973, due to Israel's rejection of all peace offers," the paper said.

It added: "What is going on in the occupied areas, and what we hear of Israeli statements, only proves that Israel is striving to establish its feet solidly in the occupied land."

"We all know that Syria is prepared to continue the fight to restore Arab dignity and honour. Likewise, the Arab nation is ready to stand by Syria, as it did in 1973. The Syrian soldier should not stand alone to face the enemy's fire. There are a great number of Arabs who still believe that the restoration of occupied Arab territories will not be achieved through the U.N. forces or by partial agreements," Al Shaab concluded.



Lieutenant-General Sherif Zeid Ibn Shaker, Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian armed forces, Tuesday visited the 1st Armoured Brigade unit in the Jordan Valley, and addressed the troops at the site of the Karameh Martyrs Memorial. He is pictured here (in centre, dark sweater) with some of the brigade troops during an inspection tour. (JNA photo).

Hamdi seeks Egyptian development assistance

CAIRO, March 1 (R). — Egyptian assistance for the Yemen Arab Republic is likely to be sought by North Yemeni leader Ibrahim Al-Hamdi who arrived here today for a four-day official visit, the second since he took power in a bloodless coup in June 1974.

North Yemeni embassy sources said he would also have talks with President Anwar Sadat on the Middle East situation and on related issues such as the planned reconvening of the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference, the civil strife in Lebanon and the Western Sahara crisis.

They said Colonel Hamdi would ask for Egyptian expertise and technology and sign an information and cultural accord during his stay here.

The accord will provide for some 1,300 Egyptian teachers to go to Yemen during the current scholastic year. It will also provide for an exchange of in-

formation between both sides on agriculture, television and broadcasting.

Egyptian newspapers today gave prominence to Colonel Hamdi's visit and published a profile of him.

Arab Telecom Conference set for Alexandria

AMMAN, Feb. 28, (JNA). — Jordan has decided to participate in the Arab Ministers of Communications Conference to be held in Alexandria on March 8.

The 4-day conference will discuss the Arab Communications Satellite Project, the establishment of the Arab Telecommunications Organisation, Arab sharing in the capital of the satellite project and the location of the headquarters of the Arab Telecommunications Organisation.

Jordanian to command UAE forces

ABU DHABI, March 2, (R). — A Jordanian officer, Major-General Awwad Al-Khalidi, has been appointed Chief of Staff of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) armed forces, officials said here today.

The officials said the appointment was approved at a cabinet meeting yesterday and UAE President Sheikh Zayid had later signed a decree confirming the appointment.

General Khalidi, a former Jordanian Deputy Chief of Staff, was due to arrive here shortly to take command of the UAE forces, the officials said.

Jordanian officers were members of a three-nation Arab commission which last year reported on the best way of merging existing forces in the UAE within the federal UAE forces, and the appointment was seen by observers as a step in that direction.

IDA grants \$3m for Valley irrigation stud

AMMAN, (JT). — The International Development Association will lend Jordan three million dollars for the study of a project to irrigate the northern and central Jordan Valley, it was announced here today.

Jordan to sign U.S. wheat agreement

AMMAN. — An agreement for the purchase of 20,000 tons of American wheat will be signed Thursday morning at the Ministry of Supply.

With this new quantity, Jordan will have purchased a total of 80,000 tons from the United States.

The agreement will be signed for Jordan by Minister of Supply Salah Jum'a, while on the American side it will be signed by the U.S. ambassador to Jordan.

2 U.N. experts seconded to Jordan

AMMAN, (JNA). — The Minister of Labour, Mr Issam Ajlouni, received Tuesday the resident UNDP representative in Jordan with whom he discussed social development in the kingdom.

It was announced following the meeting that two U.N. advisers will be seconded to Jordan; one for a period of three weeks, to study national human resources; the second for a period of two weeks, to study social development. Both experts will arrive here in April.

It was also agreed to extend the stay for one more month of the ILO social security expert currently in Jordan.

A United States Overseas Engineering firm, has been engaged to study the economic aspects of the project, which the building of a high dyke across the river, a tributary of which forms part of the Jordan-Syrian border.

The East Ghor (also extended by 30 miles to the north and a new drainage system for 150,000 (370,000 acres) of land. The project cost J.D. 86 million (370,000 dollars) and would be completed by 1982, according to Abdullah, Director of the Jordan Valley Office.

The International Development Agency, an arm of the World Bank, last week approved a \$18 million project.

NATION BRIEF

● AMMAN. — The Ministry of Communication received Tuesday the Indian ambassador, Mr. Dayal, who is in Jordan.

● AMMAN. — The State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hassan Ibrahim, received Tuesday the Syrian, Mr. U.S. ambassador to Jordan, Mr. William B. Franke, who is in Jordan.

● AMMAN. — The General of the Force, Mr. Zaki Qusbi, received Tuesday the West German ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Hans-Joachim Lauth.

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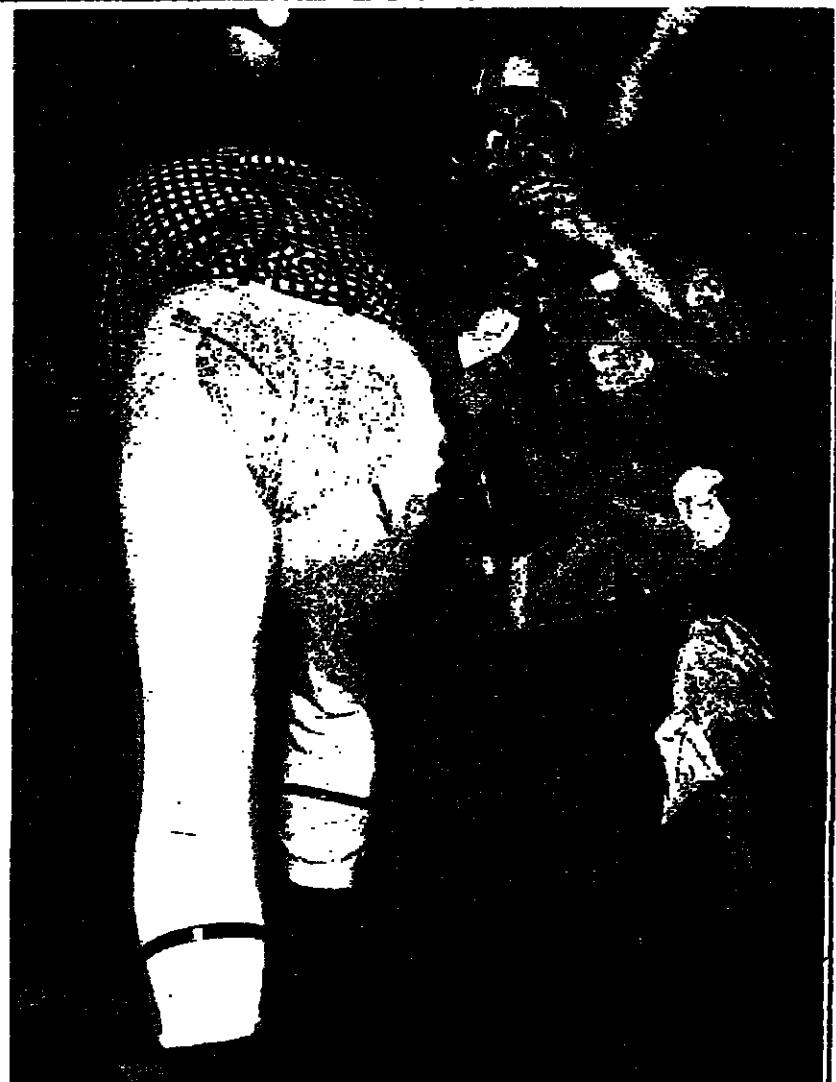
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A little of the lively spirit of an authentic German carnival was in the air Saturday night at the Schneller School. These pictures by Dr. Glade of the Goethe Institute show some of the colourful costumes worn by the 180 merry-makers who attended the event. The carnival was organised by the Jordanian-German Friendship Association, in collaboration with the Goethe Institute and the Schneller School. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.



Television

6.00 Quran
 6.10 Cartoons
 7.00 Lucy show
 8.00 News in Arabic
 CHANNEL 3:
 7.30 Sports programme
 8.30 Arabic series
 9.15 Documentary

CHANNEL 6:
 7.30 News in Hebrew
 7.45 Varieties
 8.30 Inspector Briggs
 9.00 Shadow of the tower
 10.00 News in English
 10.15 Kojac (on both channels)

Amman Airport

DEPARTURES:

6.50 Aqaba
 7.20 Beirut
 8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)
 10.35 Athens, Amsterdam
 10.45 Bucharest (Taroom)
 11.00 Cairo
 12.00 London
 18.30 Cairo (E.A.)
 18.40 Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, (G.A.)
 19.00 Kuwait, Dhahran
 19.30 Abu Dhabi, Dubai
 19.30 Baghdad (I.A.)

ARRIVALS:

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 17.30 Casablanca, Madrid, Athens
 17.35 Amsterdam, Brussels, Geneva
 18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)

Radio

[ON 856 KHZ]

7.00 Breakfast show.
 7.30 News Bulletin
 7.45 Morning Melodies
 8.00 Sign off
 12.00 Pop session (part I)
 13.00 News Summary
 13.03 Pop session (part II)
 14.00 News Bulletin
 14.10 Radio magazine
 14.30 Melody time
 15.00 Classical Music
 15.30 Light Instrumentals
 16.00 Old Favourites
 16.30 Easy listening
 17.00 Studio one
 18.00 News Summary
 18.05 Listener's choice
 18.30 Science report
 18.45 Break for Music
 19.00 News Bulletin
 19.10 News reports
 19.30 Sign off.

Market Price

Apples (Double Red) 180—230
 Apples (Golden) 80—150
 Apples (Starken) 140—170
 Bell Pepper 200—260
 Beets 50—65
 Cabbage 30—45
 Chestnuts 320—350
 Carrots (Yellow) 50—65
 Cucumbers 200—260
 Eggplant 120—160
 Grapefruit 40—60
 Green Beans 180—240
 Garlic 50—70
 Cauliflower 40—60
 Hot Pepper 350—420
 Horse Beans 100—130
 Lettuce (Large) 80
 Lettuce (Small) 50
 Lemon 100—120
 Marrow 200—230
 Onions 130—180
 Oranges (French) 80—120
 Oranges (Local) 90—130
 Potatoes (Egyptian) 80—100

Potatoes (Local) 120—150
 Peas 180—210
 Spinach 40—60
 Tomatoes 60—80
 Tangerines 60—80

Tonight's Emergencies

DOCTORS:
 Dr Issa Haddad (51796)
 Dr Hatem Mustapha (7)

PHARMACIES:
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CLOSER LINKS. — Sheikh Issa bin Sakman Al-Khaleefa (left) sits opposite French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, as both Parties sit with their aides for talks at the Elysée Palace in Paris Tuesday. (AP wirephoto)

UAE to help UNESCO overcome deficit

ABU DHABI, March 1 (R). — The United Arab Emirates and the UNESCO yesterday signed an agreement giving UNESCO a loan of \$2.4 million.

The Under-Secretary said afterwards that the loan was given according to directives by President Sheikh Zayed. He said UNESCO was facing an acute deficit in its current budget because certain countries were holding back their assistance after UNESCO's decision barring Israel from the Organization's assistance.

He said they were very impressed with UAE efforts in the education, information and cultural spheres.

U.S. officials pursue Maghreb contacts

RABAT, March 2, (R). — Mr Alfred Atherton, Assistant U.S. Secretary of State, was due to confer today with Morocco's King Hassan after talks with Algerian and Tunisian leaders in the last week.

Mr Atherton, who is Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East, South East Asia and North Africa, arrived late last night in Casablanca and flew to Fez in central Morocco to dine with King Hassan at his royal palace.

It is believed the situation in the Western Sahara conflict with Morocco will be one of the main topics of the talks, although Mr Atherton said in Algiers yesterday the United States was not trying to mediate in the dispute.

In a statement to reporters on his arrival, he said his visit to Morocco was part of periodic exchanges of views between the U.S. and the North African country.

In a related development, it was reported in Algiers that U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Charles Robinson today predicted a further development of trade and economic relations between Algeria and the United States.

France, Bahrain sign agreements with larger accord in sight

PARIS, March 2 (R). — France and Bahrain today agreed to sign an economic and technological cooperation pact shortly, the Emir of Bahrain announced following two-day talks.

Bahrain's scarlet and white flag flew for the first time from the Elysée presidential Palace's topmast as the two leaders held their second and last round of talks.

The Emir, Sheikh Isa Bin Sulman Al-Khalifa, who started his talks with President Giscard d'Estaing immediately upon his arrival here last night, told reporters on leaving the Elysée Palace today that President Giscard d'Estaing would visit Bahrain shortly.

Portuguese military bosses split over presidency

LISBON, March 2, (AFP). — Portugal's military rulers are apparently seriously split over their future political role and the choice of candidate in the forthcoming presidential elections.

The conservative Lisbon daily O Dia today published a speech made last Friday by the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Jose Morais da Silva, in which the chief target was Foreign Minister Ernesto Melo Antunes.

Gen. da Silva accused Major Antunes of unjustifiably claiming to speak for the Supreme Revolutionary Council, the military body which will hand over power to an elected parliament on April 18.

He also said President Francisco da Costa Gomes steam-rolled the Council into recognition nine days ago of the Soviet-backed People's Republic in the former Portuguese colony of Angola.

Maj. Antunes, who negotiated a recent pact with the political parties on behalf of the Revolutionary Council for the transfer of power to civilians, leads a very influential group of nine non-communist left-wingers on the Council.

Gen. da Silva, by virtue of his position as a Council member, rejected Maj. Antunes' statement that the Council unanimously approved recognition of the MPLA republic in Angola. "I cannot allow anyone to force upon me a solidarity I do not feel without lying or betraying my conscience," the General said.

Stating that the armed forces were the servants of the people and not vice-versa, Gen. da Silva warned against proposing a military officer as a candidate in the presidential elections.

EEC agrees to Turkish demands

BRUSSELS, March 1 (R). — The Common Market bowed to Turkish pressure tonight and agreed to consider improving terms offered on Turkish farm exports to the European community.

The sources said the common market Ministers assured Mr. Caglayangil the community would fulfil its pledge to guarantee the social security rights of Turkish migrant workers in the EEC, as set out in an association agreement between the two sides.

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Orion-2 brings home some spectacular space photos

Soviet cosmonauts Pyotr Klimuk and Valentin Lebedev, using the telescope "Orion-2," installed on board the spaceship Soyuz-13, have obtained an unprecedented short-wave spectrogram of a planetary nebula — a huge gaseous formation with a high-temperature star in the center of it.

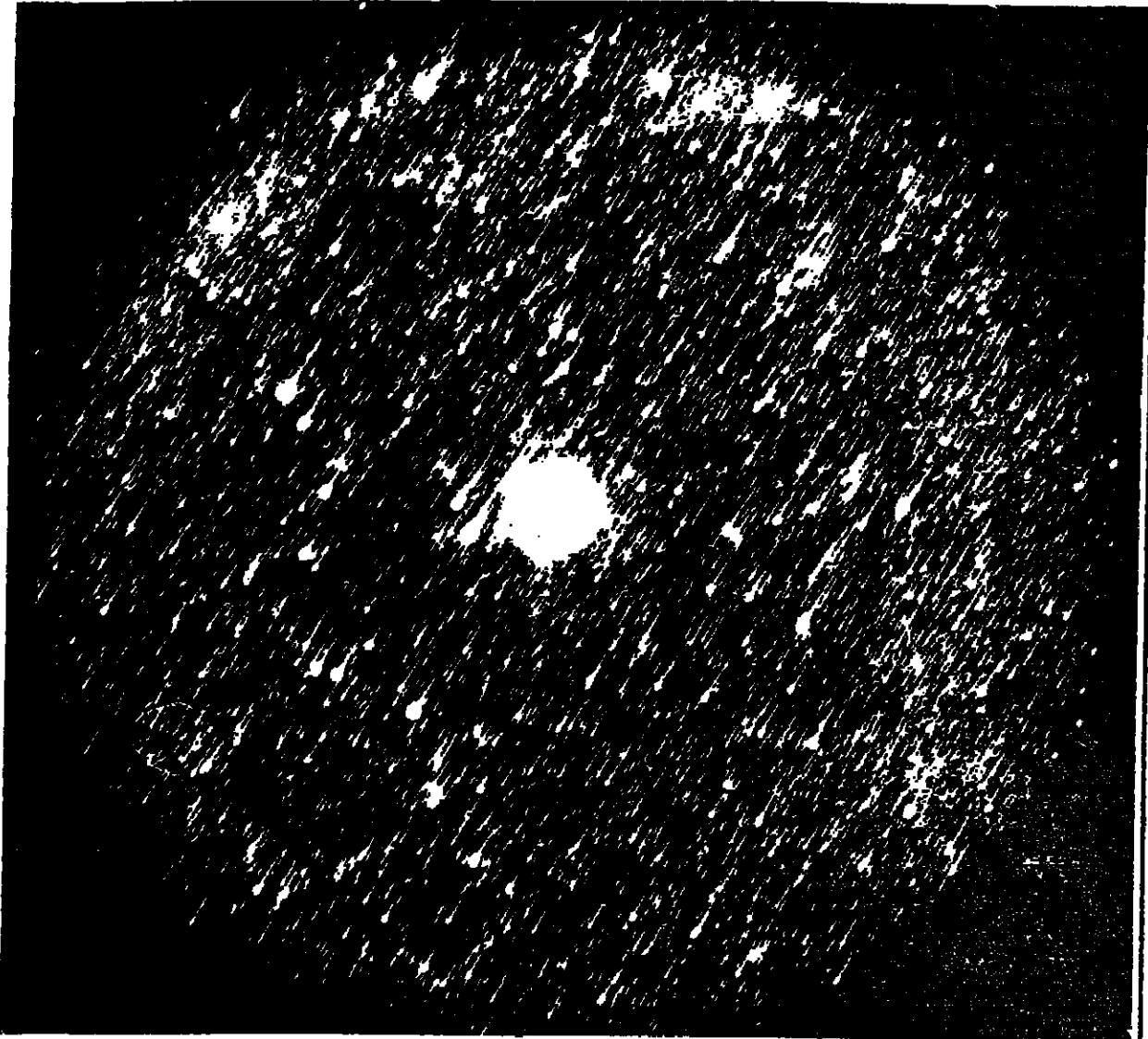
The data obtained showed that the nebula contains three more chemical elements, in addition to the 16 elements already discovered in the composition of planetary nebulae over the previous 50 years of study conducted from Earth.

This unique telescope was the brainchild of a group of scientists of the Byurakan astrophysical observatory under the direction of Grigor Gurzadyan, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences of the Armenian SSR.

The analysis of the spectrograms shows that the development of extra-atmospheric astronomy extends our knowledge of the Universe, which is important for the development of many branches of science.

For example, physicists have for 30 years been trying to prove the existence of the so-called "neutron" stars.

Now, with a telescope situated in outer space, this presents no problem whatsoever. Grigor Gurzadyan believes that taking pictures of the planets around the stars closest to the solar system.



This picture was taken with the help of the telescope "Orion-2" installed on board Soyuz-13. The telescope has provided a spectrogram of a planetary nebula — a huge gaseous formation with a high-temperature star in the centre of it — and taken pictures of an unknown star in the gaseous envelope rich in silicon. With the help of the telescope "Orion-2" several dozen hot stars of extremely low irradiation were discovered around the Capella, the brightest star in the constellation Auriga. Scientists are of the opinion that they have come across a new association of stars.

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Zionist Campaign against Arab boycott in Britain

LONDON, Mar. 1, (R). — The British Government was accused today of practising racial discrimination against British Jews by "actively co-operating" with the Arab boycott of firms with Jewish employees.

The complaint came from the social reform branch of the Church of Scientology, a controversial sect founded in the United States which preaches new methods of training individuals' minds and has of late been campaigning for free public access to government information.

A letter to British Race Relations Board today said the Foreign Office and Department of Trade were aware that the Arab League boycott was being applied to the detriment of Jews in Britain irrespective of their affiliations with Israel and the Zionist movement.

The group said it was providing evidence of this discrimination to the Race Relations Board.

The National Society for Crime Reduction and Social Justice, which submitted the complaint, cited at a press conference specific examples of alleged government "collaboration" with the Arab League boycott.

It said the Foreign Office involvement was in verifying the authenticity of documents which Arab States use to carry out the boycott. Customarily Arab countries sent questionnaires to British firms asking details of the number and positions of Jews they employ.

£23m to expand oil refinery in Morocco

CASABLANCA, March 2, (R). — Morocco signed a contract here today with the French companies "Procofrance" and "Hydrocarbon" to enlarge the Mohammedia oil refinery.

Work on the refinery, near Casablanca, will cost 800 million dirhams (£3 million sterling) and increase its capacity from 2,250,000 tons to 5,750,000 tons a year, officials said.

The firms are required to have the documents notarised in an accompanying affidavit and the Arab customs submit these to the Foreign Office for verification.

A government spokesman confirmed that the Foreign Office certifies such signatures if asked to do so by a foreign country, but added that this "did not in any way indicate approval of the contents of the document."

A spokesman for the leading Jewish organisation in Britain, the Jewish Board of Deputies, said it welcomed support for its opposition to the Arab boycott, but it was not making blanket accusations against the British government. It did not associate itself with the other aspect of the Scientology group's campaign—for a more liberal freedom of information policy.

British fishing industry faces difficulties

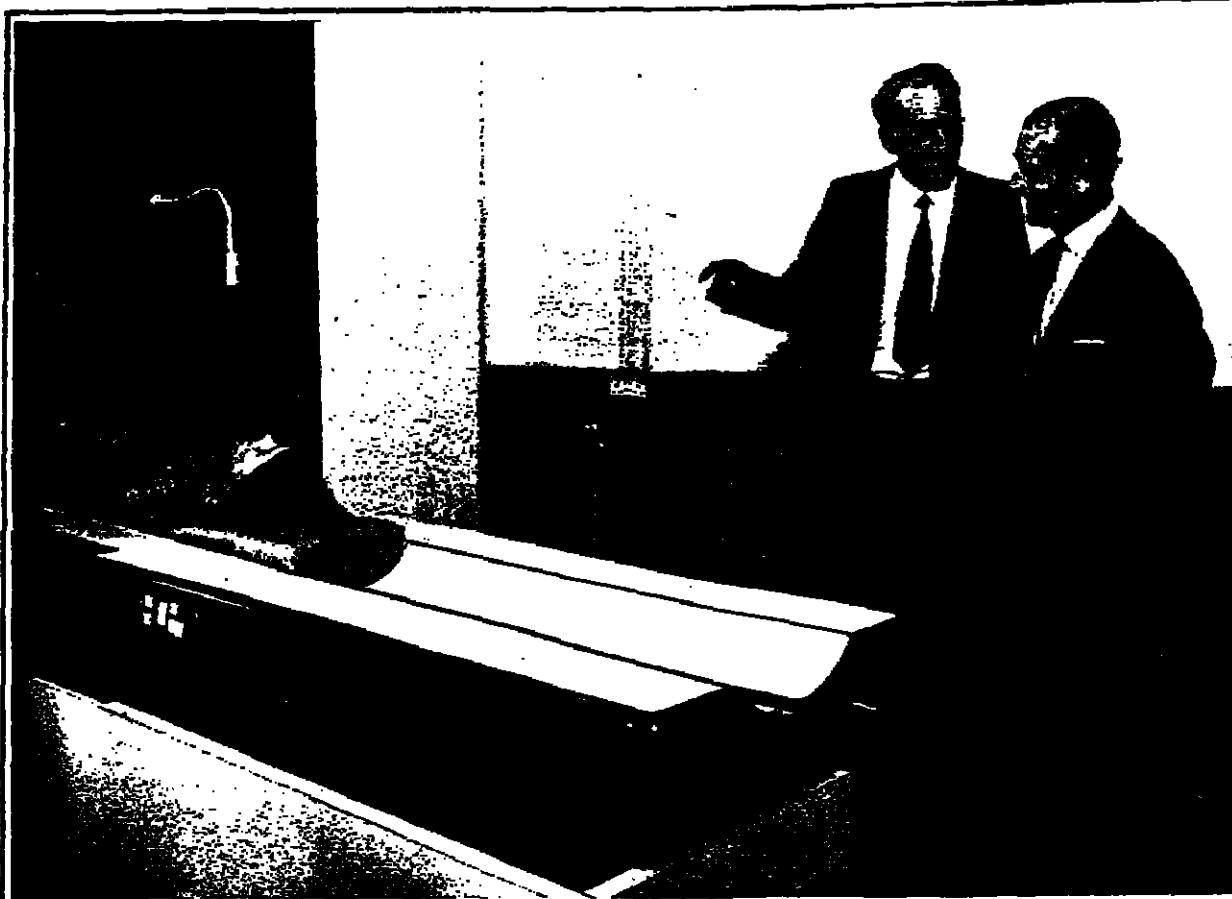
LONDON, March 2 (AFP). — Low-priced fishing imports into Britain are severely undercutting the price of cod, a British Trawler Federation spokesman said here today.

Describing the past weeks as "disastrous," the spokesman said some trawlers returned from fishing expeditions off Iceland to face a loss of 10,000 pounds (20,000 dollars) on their trip.

About 35 tons of smaller-grade Icelandic cod were sold as animal feed at Grimsby docks on Thursday the spokesman went on.

"Nearly 200 tons of all species have been sold for animal feed and salting in the last week at Hull (east coast) and Grimsby," he added.

Observers here also believe that British trawlers face the threat of increased hostility from Icelandic patrol boats which have been harassing British trawlers in defence of Iceland's unilaterally-declared 200 km fishing limit off the Icelandic coast.



PRINCE PHILIP AND THE X-RAY. — Prince Philip views the EMI-Scanner which has revolutionised X-ray diagnosis and gained over £55 million of export orders for Britain. The equipment reveals details of the human body which have previously been impossible to detect using conventional X-ray techniques and its use involves no hazard or discomfort for the patient.

With public spending cuts

London maps out medium-term economic strategy

LONDON, March 2 (LPS). — The British Government's recent policy document "Public Expenditure to 1979-80" has mapped out an important area of medium-term economic strategy. It indicated in broad terms how resources are to be found to sustain increased exports and capital investment as recovery gathers momentum.

Essentially, the strategy is to stabilise the level of resources taken by public expenditure after the 1976-77 financial year.

Assuming a rate of growth of gross domestic product of 3.4 per cent a year between 1974 and 1979, the share of GDP going to public expenditure will fall from the current exceptionally high level of around 60 per cent to 53 per cent in 1979-80.

There will be only a modest growth in private consumption: indeed, the Treasury warns that "some rise in the burden of taxation is likely to be required."

The net effect should therefore be to shift most of the increase in resources generated over the next few years into investment and exports.

Although the volume of public spending will rise quite significantly during the 1976-77 financial year, and then go up slightly through to 1979-80, this virtual stabilisation will involve substantial cuts in the expenditure programmes of most departments.

According to Treasury calculations, the cuts will total £1,000 million in 1977-78, and £2,400 million in the following financial year.

Nearly all areas of public spending are involved in the cuts.

Planned spending on overseas aid will be maintained.

Between 1976-77 and 1979-80, the annual volume of overseas aid will increase by 17 per cent.

As part of the strategy of giving overall priority to industrial development, the Government is increasing its planned spending on trade, industry and employment.

In 1978-79, for instance, spending in this area will be nearly £500 million higher than was predicted in last year's public spending forecasts.

Experience shows that it is easier for governments all round the world to plan public expenditure cuts than to make them "stick." What the Treasury is now proposing is much greater and more regular monitoring of public expenditure at both official and Cabinet level.

It is also to introduce cash limits, in current terms, on about three quarters of central government voted expenditure. The exceptions are such sectors as social security, where there is a statutory entitlement to the benefits which could not be curtailed by cash limits.

Postponement of the main spending cuts to 1977-79 is deliberate. It is intended to accord with the timetable for Britain's economic recovery.

This assumes little relief from recession this year, but accelerating recovery next year. Public expenditure has been allowed to rise by £1,600 million in the current financial year, and a further £500 million increase is forecast for 1976-77.

There should thus be some valuable anti-recession effects for the next year or more, with a subsequent freeing of resources as industry needs funds for restocking and capital investment.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed quietly mixed Tuesday and at 15:00 hrs the F.T. Index was up 2.9 to 405.7.

The rise in short term U.S. interest rates put pressure on government bonds where net falls ranged to about one half point. Turnover was small, dealers said.

Leading industrials were occasionally higher on professional activity. Unilever was 8p up before its results and extended the gain to 12p afterwards. Profits were above expectations, dealers added.

Gold shares retreated reflecting continued concern about political stability and the fall in the investment dollar premium. Dollar stocks firmed and Australians mostly eased.

Guest Keep, Tube Investments, Hawker Siddeley and Tate and Lyle gained between 5p and 9p on selective interest.

BP added 5p in firm oils. Banks turned narrowly mixed. The insurance sector was generally firm with Royal up 10 and Commercial Union 6p following reconsideration of their results Monday.

De Beers showed renewed weakness in mines and dropped 13p.

Guinea-Bissau freezes Portugal's overseas b

LISBON, March 2 (R). — Guinea-Bissau has frozen the assets of Portugal's overseas banking bank, the Banco Nacional Ultramarino (B.N.U.) and tonight the Portuguese government quickly hit back.

It ordered the Bank of Portugal and the Lisbon offices of the Banco Nacional to suspend all payments to the Guinea-Bissau branch of the B.N.U.

A statement from the Prime Minister's office condemned the former West African colony's move as hasty and unjustified and said it created a grave situation.

But the statement indicated that Portugal would refuse to make any concessions if the ex-colony agreed to resume negotiations. It said the government would have to safeguard Portuguese interests.

The decision to freeze the me Minister's office, Portugal energetically rejected Guinea-Bissau's decision, gnised it to be ex-co- to back its own cur- called for further talk ve the problem.

According to official the main obstacle was Bissau's claim on about million escudos' (20 sterling) of the B.N.U. hard currency reserves the future peso issue.

Portugal rejected the should find its own support its currency.

Guinea-Bissau's de- sided with the am- that it would print re- ncy — the peso — ce the Guinea escudo the B.N.U. before the achieved full indepen- September 1974.

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607,000 cigarettes smoked b American

WASHINGTON, Mar. (R). — Americans smoked a record 607,000 million cigarettes last year health warnings.

Figures issued to the U.S. Agriculture department showed 7,000 million more cigarettes were smoked than in 1974.

The Department also dictated an increase in of chewing tobacco snuff and a decrease in cigars.

Iran will be independent from oil after 20 years

LONDON, March 2 (R). — The Shah of Iran said in an interview published today that there was a good chance that his country would be economically independent from oil before its reserves ran out in 20 to 25 years.

U.S. warns EEC against skimmed milk boycott

BRUSSELS, Mar. 2, (R). — A major Transatlantic trade war loomed today as the United States warned the European Common Market it would take reprisals if a community plan to cut its huge surplus of skimmed milk powder went through, informed sources said.

Market farm ministers, at a meeting starting here tomorrow, will discuss the plan, drafted by the Executive Commission, which would penalise feed manufacturers who do not use part of the skimmed milk "mountain" in their output, which normally includes average proportions of American soya.

The idea of the scheme is that community feed manufacturers would pay a deposit on proteins from outside the market including U.S.-produced soya bean meal.

They would only get the deposit back if they agreed to use a certain amount of the milk powder in their feed.

The Shah said: "Oil reserves of gas are almost negligible so that we have a big problem. Before long, over, we shall no longer be extracting oil as a source of energy but keeping it as a fuel for the petrochemical industry. This is why we have launched a major programme for the construction of power stations."

The interview with the Shah was published in Europe's economic monthly jointly produced by Le Monde, The Times and the Wall Street Journal.

The Shah said the budget deficit of about million dollars was entirely covered by the failure of buying countries to stop the terms of their contracts with Iran.

"From now on, Iran's future will be determined by the extent to which our government will honour its commitments," the Shah added.

He said that during the few years Iran should be comparable with the highly industrialised countries in iron and steel, petrochemicals, electronics and types of consumer goods.

"It will be difficult to compete with the Japanese in electronics. But we will be comparable with them in iron and steel," he said. The Shah was interviewed by Jacqueline Grapin, of Le Monde.

At the Flying Carpet



TOP SIX

THE LATEST HITS OF THE WORLD

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Princess Basma: Portrait of a warm woman of compassion

Princess Basma lives in grey and burgundy, the Pri-
ness looked more like a school
For, her home, in a beautiful
suburb of Amman, surrounded
by an abundance of trees and
vegetation amidst rolling hills
is quietly elegant, without ost-
entation.
As I awaited the Princess in
her beige and turquoise living
room, I could not help think-
ing that if I did not know that this
was the abode of a King's daugh-
ter and the reigning monar-

thing. But then, when I return-
ed, I realized that there was
a lot I had to catch up with at
home.
That is why the princess would
prefer her children to study
in Jordan during their forma-
tive years. She went to Oxford
University after Benenden, but
before she could get her deg-
ree, she had met and married
Captain Timoor, the son of Ge-
neral Daghistani of Iraq.

to being housewives and mothe-
rs."
Just then, her four-year-old
daughter, Farah, came back
from school, accompanied by
her little brother Ghazi and the
mood of the Princess changed
from serious subject to that of
any young mother, interested
in everything little Farah had
done at school that day.



Princess Basma grins as she recalls some happy memories during her talk with the Jordan Times in Amman last week.

The Princess is fond of read-
ing, specially books with a
historical background. Music is
another one for her interests.
At the moment, she says, she
is polishing up her piano.
She enjoys both Western and
Arabic musicians. Mozart is her
favourite composer and, among
Arab artists, she is particu-
larly fond of Fairuz.
The Princess is quite an ac-
complished linguist. Besides speak-
ing fluent English, she speaks
French and a certain amount
of Spanish as well.

She listened attentively as
Farah declared that she had
changed her mind about becom-
ing a nurse and now wanted
to be an air hostess if Ghazi
would become a pilot.
In response there was a

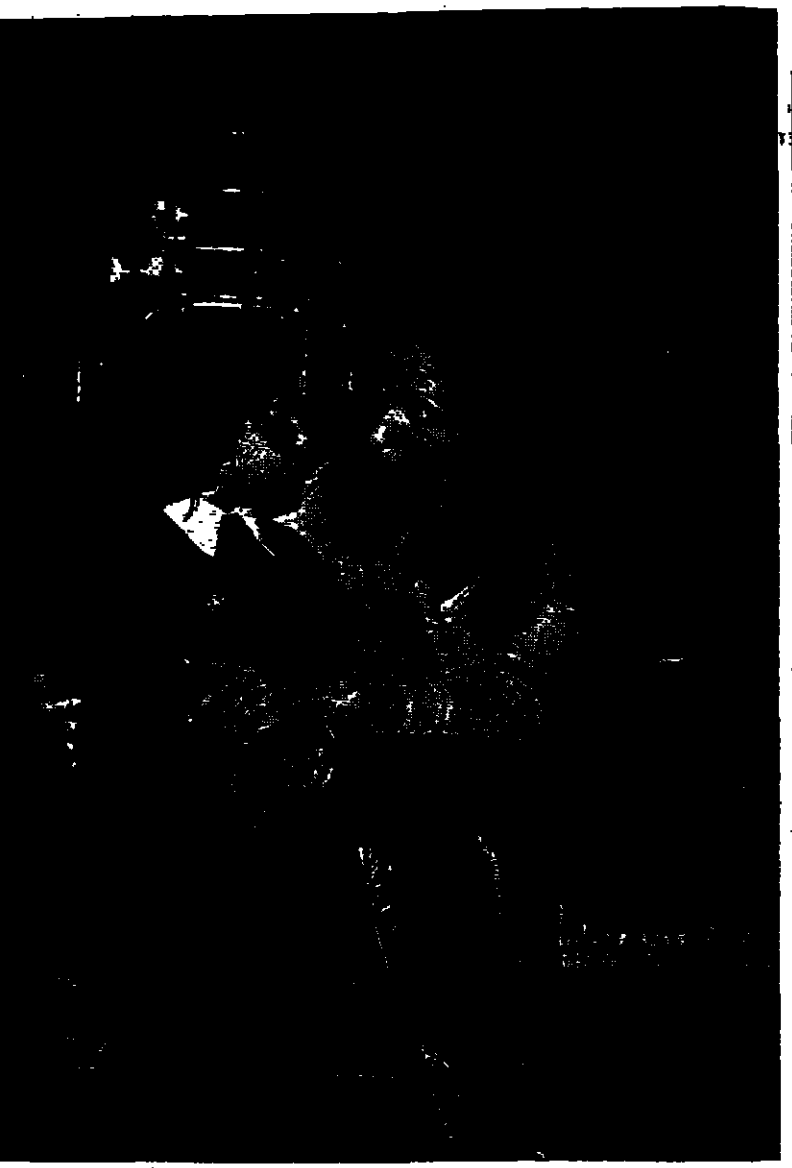
3 generations of Constables



ROOM WITH A VIEW. — Room 19 at the Tate Gallery in London was the scene for the opening of a John Constable exhibition recently and this photograph shows the artist's great, great grandson, Mr. John Constable — also a painter — his authoress wife and their son John admiring Constable's most famous painting, The Hay Wain.

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Captain Timoor; ent of her brother, the King's England for further education.
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Under her guidance, a mu-
sical evening and a dinner-da-
nce was organized at the end of
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ds for its functioning. It was
made to our society in addition



The Princess listens attentively as her daughter Farah recounts a day at school. (Jordan Times photos by Firas.)

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By acting the big brother,
talking to her on the telephone
to reassure her and taking her
out occasionally, "He made me
feel" she remarked fondly "that
although away from home, I
still had some one of my own,
near me".
While at Benenden, Princess
Basma got to know another
famous pupil of that school,
Princess Anne of England,
whome she remembers for her
sense of humour and lively per-
sonality.
"My years in England, be-
tween the ages of twelve and
nineteen were an unforgettable
experience," she remarked.
"The sense of accomplish-
ment, and the spirit of competi-
tion that the school gave me,
I would not have missed for an-

Tonight's TV Features



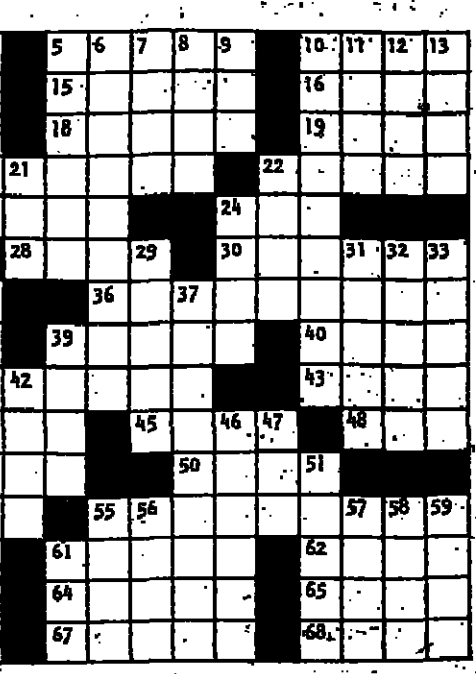
THE PRINCELY GIFT
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has the prospect of great riches. In Bristol, the Venetian
John Cabot is seeking backing from merchants and from
the King to search for a northern passage to China, in
spite of the opposition of many parties.

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An old man searching for young wife who deserted
him shoots at another one by mistake.

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THE DRAWING
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the British navy.

THE LUCY SHOW
THE BAKING CONTEST
Lucy and her friend enter a pastry contest. Lucy wins
helped by her friend.

crossword Puzzle



- ### ACROSS

 - 1 Much: 2 wds.
 - 5 Harmful vapor
 - 10 Small talk
 - 14 Terza
 - 15 Announcer
 - 16 — of office
 - 17 Soon enough
 - 18 Match
 - 19 Gold
 - 20 Seems fine: 2 wds.
 - 22 Miscreant
 - 23 Rani's wrap
 - 24 — of Good Feelings
 - 25 Army VIP section: Abbr.
 - 28 Left
 - 30 Observe
 - 34 Greenland base
 - 36 Work hard: 2 wds.
 - 38 Saarinen
 - 39 Mohammedan priests
 - 40 Scots John
 - 41 Weary winter remark: 2 wds.
 - 43 Diamond side
 - 44 Ingredient of pizza
- ### DOWN

 - 1 Huge Soviet lake
 - 2 Floor covering
 - 3 Melville reading
 - 4 Big containers
 - 5 Scanty
 - 6 Departing remark to one's mother: 3 wds.
 - 7 High: Comb. form
 - 8 Germ
 - 9 Tree of India
 - 10 Storekeeper's farewell: 2 wds.
 - 11 What cops do
 - 12 — time (never): 2 wds.
 - 13 — and now
 - 21 Espied
 - 22 Allen
 - 24 Sea birds
 - 25 Alluvial matter at the surface
 - 26 Business school subj.
 - 27 Billiards shot
 - 29 Get in shape
 - 31 Expect
 - 32 Type of day
 - 33 Units of physical force
 - 35 Everday greeting: 3 wds.
 - 37 — of money.
 - 39 grunted father: 3 wds.
 - 42 — Rhythm: 2 wds.
 - 43 Essence: Var.
 - 46 Baby's cry on Christmas morning (or at other times)
 - 47 Peron land: Abbr.
 - 51 From: 2 wds.
 - 52 Trade: Var.
 - 53 Brave spy in American history
 - 54 Any time
 - 55 Don't rock the —
 - 56 Austrian river
 - 57 Required Brontë reading about a Jane
 - 58 Snow runner: Var.
 - 59 Miss Durbeyfield
 - 61 601: Rom.

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Ford drops "detente" from his vocabulary, not policy

WASHINGTON, March 2, (AFP). — President Gerald Ford no longer intends to use the word "detente" because it is "fuzzy, confused, abused and confusing," presidential spokesman Ronald Nessen said today.

"How could one describe American foreign policy with one single simplistic French word," he asked newsmen with a condescending smile?

The President said in a television interview yesterday that he intended to keep on seeking relaxation of tension with Moscow and Peking by negotiating "from strength" but that he did not think the word detente was "applicable anymore."

It means "relaxation of tension between states," according to French and English dictionaries, but is much shorter and rather vague in the mind of Anglo-Saxons who have not

Guyer meets with Fahmi in Cairo

CAIRO, March 2 (R). — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi met tonight with Mr. Roberto Guyer, Assistant U.N. Secretary General for Political Affairs who arrived from Damascus to discuss prospects for a Middle East peace.

Mr. Guyer was instructed by U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to put forward certain ideas to avoid a stagnation of peace efforts in the Middle East.

His tour included Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Israel.

Informed sources said Mr. Waldheim's ideas were discussed during the meeting. They were not disclosed.



THREE HOPEFULS. — Three of the U.S. Democratic Presidential candidates, (from left) Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp, U.S. Senator Henry Jackson, and former Governor of Georgia Jimmy Carter, all entered in the Florida Democratic Presidential primary, smile for cameramen Monday night before their public broadcasting correspondence discussion on the federal government's responsibility in society.

Nixon to report on his trip

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AFP). — Former President Richard Nixon has informed the White House that he will send a report on his talks with Chinese leaders to the State Department.

Presidential spokesman Ronald Nessen said today this was announced in a telephone call to an official at the White House.

Mr. Nessen declined to specify if Mr. Nixon himself phoned, or who received the call.

Mr. Nessen also refused to explain why he was so mysterious about the call. But President Ford said a few days ago that Mr. Nixon's trip to China could not have come at a worse time — coinciding with the first state primary elections for president of the United States.

U.S. political commentators

studied French.

As originally used in 14th century France, detente meant removing tension from a bow by unstringing it.

When a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee used the word detente today, Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota joked: "The word is no longer in our lexicon."

The President said in the interview: "I don't use the word detente any more. I think we ought to say that the United States will meet with the superpowers—the Soviet Union, China and others—and seek to relax tensions so that we can continue a policy of peace through strength."

In a related development, President Ford said today that it was imperative that the United States increase military spending in order to maintain the balance of power with the Soviet Union.

Speaking to a group of senators in his White House office, Mr. Ford stressed that the record peace-time budget he had asked Congress to approve for the coming fiscal year was absolutely vital if an appropriate balance were to be maintained with the Soviet Union.

The defense budget, of \$101,000 million should be further increased in years to come to meet growing Soviet military power, Mr. Ford said.

Thailand, Cambodia relations worsen

BANGKOK, March 2, (AFP). — Relations between Thailand and Cambodia seem doomed to deteriorate rapidly. For the first time since the establishment of diplomatic relations



SMILE, COMRADES. — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro talks with women delegates at the 25th congress of the Soviet Communist Party in Moscow Tuesday. (AP wirephoto).

Teng stands firm as attacks continue

PEKING, March 2, (AFP). — Senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping is still refusing, despite sudden and violent attacks launched against him for the past fortnight all over China, to "mend his line" and admit his errors concerning his "revisionist political line."

This was revealed today in a long article in Red Flag, the Chinese Communist Party's monthly doctrinal review, and quoted even before the publication of the review by the Communist Party newspaper the People's Daily.

The article put together and made "official" the various pieces of information that have emerged up to now on the "eleventh struggle" for power in China.

These are:

- (1) That the campaign is definitely aimed against Mr. Teng.

Red Flag, like recent wall pos-

ters referred to the "opportunistic and reactionary" slogan attributed to him during the Cultural Revolution: "What does it matter if a cat is white or black so long as it catches mice."

(2) "A few" other party leaders are also targets of this campaign, but they are not yet identified.

(3) Mr. Teng and the others stand accused of wanting to "forsake" the revolution, restore capitalism in China and "reduce to nothing" the work of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

(4) The current crisis goes much further than the opinion-moulding campaigns in China and stems from a top-level confrontation between deeply opposed views.

Concerning that confrontation, the Red Flag writer declared:

"It is a trial of strength between the proletariat and the

bourgeoisie who are assailing each other."

The article charged that the current "capitalist roaders" in the leadership had been "mere passengers of the revolution" at the end of the 1940's when an alliance with the middle classes was still necessary and thus they had gone along with only a "minimum revolutionary programme."

Those same leaders, according to the writer identified as Chih Heng were now incapable of going "all the way"—in other words, accepting the party programme for the building up of socialism and communism.

The accusations are the same as the ones drawn up nearly 10 years ago by the Red Guards, but Chih Heng added a new one concerning the period after the Cultural Revolution.

"Shortly after returning to power," he said, making a clear reference to Mr. Teng's political rehabilitation in 1973 and that of other leaders who had also been sacked, "these capitalist roaders in the party leadership... frantically created a rightist deviationist wind and tried to annul the decisions taken during the Cultural Revolution in the various fields."

Hitherto the Cambodian radio had always avoided quoting Vietnamese official statements attacking Thailand.

On the contrary after a recent naval incident in the Gulf of Thailand between a Thai patrol boat and Cambodian armed trawlers, Radio Phnom Penh simply gave the Cambodian version of the affair without any vituperation and stressed the importance of friendly good neighbour relations between the two countries.

Cambodia has, however, so far refrained from any direct accusation against Thailand. The quotation of the South Vietnamese text is only an indirect accusation. It is also an admission that sabotage activities are taking place inside Cambodia.

According to a very reliable source here the attack on Siem Reap on February 29 was the work of several hundred anti-communist guerrillas calling themselves "The Black Cobras."

The source told AFP that 250 Khmer Rouge soldiers deserted to the "Black Cobras" last week with arms and equipment.

In a related development, Radio Phnom Penh today also quoted a statement by the North Korean Foreign Ministry that the situation in Korea was increasingly serious and that "war could break out at any moment."

The statement, originally broadcast by Radio Pyongyang, said: "The United States have stocked atomic bombs in South Korea, sent F-111 fighter-bombers and 4,000 men as reinforcements, while the United States air force based in Okinawa, Japan, has been conducting nuclear-bombing training exercises."

The statement referred to Western press reports that the American F-111's could not have bombed Cambodia on February 25 because they were now based in South Korea.

Kuwait considers oil reduction cancellation

KUWAIT, March 2, (AFP). — The Kuwaiti National Assembly today recommended cancellation of a 15-cents-a-barrel reduction for purchases of Kuwaiti crude oil, granted last December to the Gulf Oil and British Petroleum companies.

The reduction was part of an agreement under which the Kuwaiti government took over the final 25 per cent of the assets the two companies held in the Kuwait Oil Company.

Today's recommendation had been urged by the assembly's Finance Committee, whose chairman, Abdullah Al Nubari, said reductions should be given to small national companies buying Kuwaiti oil, to help them stand up to the big companies.

If the small companies were encouraged, they could end the preponderant influence of the major companies on the world market he said.

Mr. Nubari also repeated a committee call for an end to concessions to the American Independent Oil (Aminoil) Company, which has a refinery in the Saudi-Kuwaiti "Neutral Zone."

The government has begun talks with Aminoil to obtain increased royalties.

No vote was taken after today's discussions, and the debate on the bill is due to be resumed on Saturday.

Oil Minister Abdul Muttaleb Al Kazimi told the assembly there were indications Kuwait's oil reserves might last another 200 years and not 70 years as previously estimated.

Deputies fearing that the country's oil wealth was being exhausted too fast had earlier called on the government to present a detailed report on oil reserves in Kuwait.

Mr. Kazimi said although of-

ficial estimates show reserves would last 100 years, some researcher studies which indicate might last for three periods.

2 die in Japan political bomb

SAPPORO, Japan, (AFP). — Two official Hokkaido local government employees were killed and 37 others injured today when a bomb exploded during the rush hour in the first by of the government here.

The ceiling and wall lobby collapsed from the blast, which was probably caused by a bomb triggered by clock.

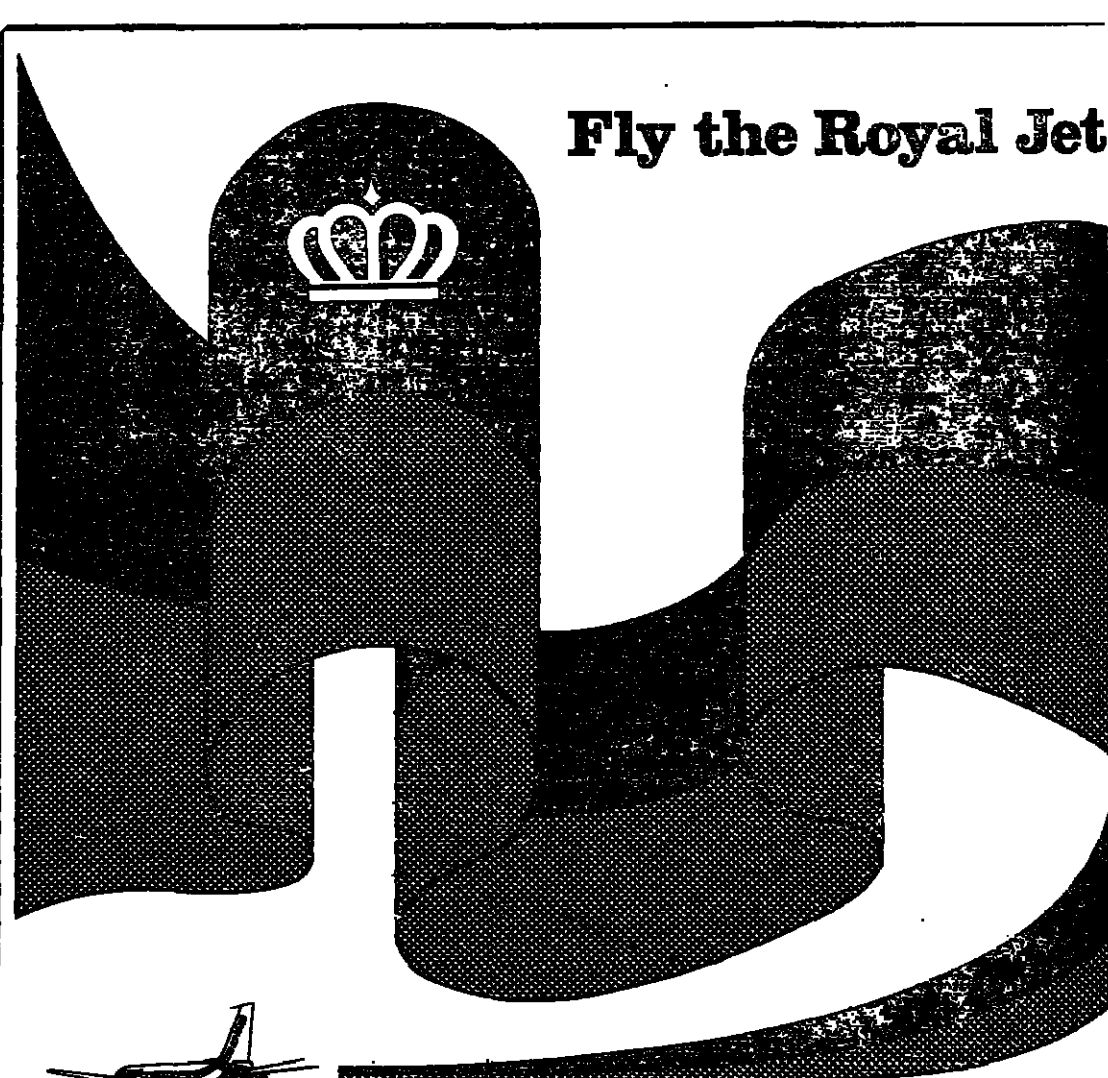
The radical East Japanese Armed Front took responsibility for the in a message four hours later in a local Sapporo subway station were directed to it by phone call.

The message, on black tape, said the "Japanese imperialists" over members of the Ainu race, Taiwanese, Japanese casts and other Asia.

It also called on the Soviet Union to from Hokkaido, the Sakhalin. It denounced "Maoists of China" support of the Japanese demand for the return of the northern islands.

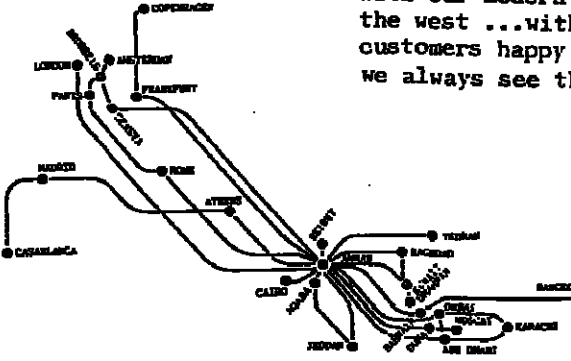
Police said they believe bombers were the same who attacked Hokkaido headquarters, which is cent to the local government building, last July.

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